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Dear Mr. Tarr,

As a landowner whose Nash County property lies in the pathway of the proposed natural gas pipeline proposed by Duke Energy and Dominion Energy I wish to request that NCDEQ schedule public meetings to present the findings from Duke and Dominions' additional environmental impact studies before granting any permits for this project. Thus far Duke has pushed for approval for this project based upon incomplete, and often misleading, information, and NCDEQ has been wise in asking for more detailed information before granting permission for the project to move forward.

I have attended many Duke and Dominion community-held meetings, as well as previous NCDEQ public hearings, and find this to be a profit-driven project that ignores the needs of eastern North Carolina residents as well as the region itself. Duke has ignored use of an already-existing pipeline in the western part of the state, ignored research that indicates an adequate supply of natural gas for the next decade, as well as the need to develop alternative energy sources, choosing instead to move forward with a project and that creates an environmental nightmare for those of us who reside in the proposed pipeline area.

The pipeline will not provide an economic boon to this area, as any highly skilled positions likely would be brought in on contract, with only low-wage, short-term jobs involved along the route; the only economic boon likely derived from this project would involve Duke Energy, Dominion, and their shareholders.

Environmentally this route is proposed in an area often affected by hurricanes and heavy rains which create flooding and could impact the pipeline beds. Since this route is proposed through rural areas, many residents rely upon well water, and Duke reports an acceptable leakage from the pipeline at around 4-6%; as a resident, I find any leakage to be unacceptable for drinking water. There are many other environmental issues, such as infringement upon natural waterways, as well as significant safety concerns; however, the bottom line here is that we do not want an environmental crisis in eastern North Carolina as has occurred with coal ash in the western part of the state.

Again, I ask that NCDEQ conduct public hearings to allow local residents in the possible impacted areas to respond to any new information/studies provided by Duke and Dominion.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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